



# NEOE -- Retired

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## OEA-Retired Delegate Election Vote During October Please Support Candidates from NEOEA

OEA-R delegates will be elected during October by online and mail-in ballot. In October, look for election information by email and US mail. Please support candidates from NEOEA-R.

OEA-R members should look for an email and/or a postcard "**Vote now in the OEA 2020 Elections**" from "**Ohio Education Association <help@yeselections.com>**". Everyone will get a postcard or an email with an explanation and instructions for requesting a paper ballot by October 15. The email and the postcard provide an "Election Code" and a "Voting PIN" along with a link to the voting page. Please vote online no later than 5:00 PM Friday, October 31, 2022. For more information, candidate biographies, and to vote online; go to <https://www.ohea.org/cms/assets/uploads/2022/09/2022-Retired-Delegate-Bios-9-21-22.pdf>.

OEA-R members will elect 18 Delegates to the OEA Representative Assembly from a field of 29 candidates. The 18 OEA-Retired Advisory Council members are automatic delegates by virtue of office, for a delegation of 36 delegates and 11 alternates by order of votes.

Please support the 11 candidates from NEOEA. Here are the candidates: **Marsh Buckley, William A. Dorsey, Marti Franks, Peg Ham, Hank Haynes, Cheryl W. Hill, Norm Hillstrom, William Lavezzi, Steven Mitchell, Jene Wilson, Nancy Wonson.**

Also on the ballot are candidates from other OEA Districts: 6—WEOEA, 5—NCOEA, 2—Central, 2—ECOEA, 1—Capital, 1—SEOEA, and 1—SWOEA.

Delegates attend both the Fall and Spring OEA Representative Assemblies. On the day before, the OEA-R Delegate Assembly meets at the OEA or STRS building to carry out the business of OEA Retired and for a briefing with the OEA officers and reports from the OEA-R Advisory Council. Delegates from NEOEA also attend the Fall and Spring NEOEA RAs.

The OEA Representative Assemblies will be December 3, 2022 and May 12-13, 2023 (revised dates.). The NEOEA Representative Assemblies will be November 12 at Lorain HS and April 22 at Mayfield HS.

Please check for meeting summaries and minutes of the OEA-R Advisory Council, OEA-R Delegate Assembly, and the OEA Board of Directors on the Documents/Reports page of the OEA-R website at <http://oea-r.ohea.us/>.

## OEA Recommended Candidates

General Election Day is upon us, and it is more important now than ever that educators across Ohio turn out to the polls to make their voices heard and ensure pro-public education candidates are elected. **Please make a plan to vote on or before November 8th.** If you don't know where your polling location is, you can look it up at: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/polling-location/>. Look up your current legislative district under the latest state maps at: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/ohio-candidates/district-maps/>.

As part of your voting plan, we urge all OEA members to check out the list of candidates recommended by the OEA members who sit on the OEA Fund Screening Committee. **OEA Recommended Candidates** at <https://www.ohea.org/resources/all/oea-candidate-endorsements/>.

Read the OEA September 7 press release, "OEA members recommend pro-public education candidates for statewide, legislative races," at <https://www.ohea.org/press-releases/2022/oea-members-recommend-propublic-education-candidates/>.

It is important to note that OEA members across the state—not OEA staff—make all the endorsement decisions. In each race, candidates from both parties are asked to fill out questionnaires describing their positions on education issues, and those who are state officeholders are also rated on their education votes in the General Assembly. Candidates are then interviewed by OEA members who work in the district or area in which candidates are seeking office. Based on the candidate's views on public education issues—and only on public education issues—the OEA Fund State Council and District Screening Committees vote on whether to endorse specific candidates.

You can learn more about the OEA Fund and the screening process at: <https://www.ohea.org/resources/all/ohio-fund-faq/>.

## Please support OEA Recommended Candidates.

- Contribute to the OEA Fund
- Find the candidate's website and contribute directly and/or volunteer
- Urge friends and family to support candidates that support public education.
- Visit [www.ohioballot.com](http://www.ohioballot.com) to find the Education Champions on your ballot.



**OEA Recommended Candidates**  
As of September 23, 2022

**Statewide Seats:**

- Governor - Nan Whaley (D)
- Lt. Governor - Cheryl Stephens (D)
- Attorney General - Jeffery Crossman (D)
- Secretary of State - NO POSITION
- Auditor of State - NO POSITION
- Treasurer of State - Scott Schertzer (D)

**US Senate:**

- US Senate – OH - Tim Ryan (D)

**Judicial Seats:**

- Chief Justice of the OH Supreme Court - Justice Jennifer Bruner (D)
- Associate Justice of the OH Supreme Court - Judge Marilyn Zayas (D)
- Associate Justice of the OH Supreme Court - Judge Terri Jamison (D)

**Northeastern Ohio Districts:**

**State Board of Education:**

- District 2 - Teresa Fedor
- District 9 - NO POSITION
- District 10 - Tom Jackson

**Ohio Senate:** (Odd Numbers this Election)

- District 13 - Nathan Manning (R)
- District 21 - Kent Smith (D)
- District 23 - Nickie Antonio (D)
- District 27 - Patricia Goetz (D)
- District 33 - Robert Hagan (D)

**Ohio House:**

- District 13 - Mike Skindell (D)
- District 14 - Sean Brennan (D)
- District 15 - NO POSITION
- District 16 - Bride Rose Sweeny (D)
- District 17 - Tom Patton (R)
- District 18 - NO POSITION
- District 19 - Phil Robinson (D)
- District 20 - Terrance Upchurch (D)
- District 21 - Elliot Forham (D)
- District 22 - Juanita Brent (D)
- District 23 - Dan Tory (D)
- District 31 - NO POSITION
- District 32 - Matt Shaughnessy (D)
- District 33 - Tavia Galonski (D)
- District 34 - Casey Weinstein (D)
- District 35 - NO POSITION
- District 52 - Gayle Manning (R)
- District 53 - Joe Miller (D)

- District 54 - NO POSITION
- District 57 - Evan Rosborough (D)
- District 58 - Al Cutrona (R)
- District 59 - Eric Ungaro (I)
- District 64 - Vincent Peterson (D)
- District 65 - Jennifer Donnelly (I)
- District 66 - NO POSITION
- District 67 - Melanie Miller (R)
- District 72 - Kathleen Clyde (D)
- District 79 - Monica Robb Blasdel (R)
- District 89 - Jim Obergefell (D)
- District 99 - NO POSITION

**U.S. Congress:**

- District 5 - NO POSITION
- District 6 - NO POSITION
- District 7 - NO POSITION
- District 9 - Marcy Kaptur (D)
- District 11 - Shontel Brown (D)
- District 13 - Emila Sykes (D)
- District 14 - NO POSITION

**NEOEA-R Members on  
OEA House and Senate District  
Screening Committees**

NEOEA retirees are eligible to serve on OEA-House District Screening Committees along with representatives from Local Associations within the House District. Retirees must be current OEA-Fund contributors and can serve on the House District Committee in which they live or a neighboring House District.

The committees screen and endorse candidates for the Ohio General Assembly based on OEA legislative and educational priorities. If interested, please contact NEOEA President Melanie Hameed or NEOEA Executive Director Mary Alice Conkey. For more information visit; <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/oea-fcpe/>.

In addition, there are three NEOEA District Screening Committees that help conduct the screenings in OEA House and Senate Screening Committees. NEOEA-R members are appointed as alternates.

**New Ohio District Maps**

New Maps for Ohio Board of Education, Ohio Senate, Ohio House, and US Congress are on the NEOEA-R Political Maps page - <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/political-maps/>.

**November 8, 2022 General Election  
Calendar**

- Military & Overseas Absentee Voting: Begins September 23
- Deadline to Register to Vote: October 11
- Early In-Person Voting: Begins October 12 and includes the two Saturdays, the Sunday and the Monday before Election Day
- Absentee Voting By Mail: Begins October 12
- Election Day: November 8 (Polls Open 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

**Three Ways to Vote**

Plan how you will vote:

- **Vote-by-Mail** – You can vote before Election Day by applying for a Vote-by-Mail ballot. Military and overseas voters can vote this way too. (Many have received forms in the mail or visit your County Board of Elections.)
- **Vote Early In-Person** – Anyone registered to vote in Ohio can come in to the Board of Elections and vote at the scheduled times. (Address must match Ohio Photo ID or other acceptable document.)
- **Vote on Election Day** – Anyone registered to vote in Ohio can vote at their assigned polling location on Election Day. (Address must match Ohio Photo ID or other acceptable document.)
- Find and visit your County Board of Elections at <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/elections-officials/county-boards-of-elections-directory/>.

**OEA FCPE is Now  
The OEA Fund**

The name has changed. “The OEA Fund for Children and Public Education” is simplified to “The OEA Fund”. Some will remember when it started as “Educators Political Action Committee (EPAC)”.

Help raise money to elect pro-senior, pro-union, pro-education candidates. It's quick and easy to donate electronically. Go to: <https://www.ohea.org/> and click on the DONATE button at the top of the page or click here: <https://www.ohea.org/donate/>.

### Check Your Voter Registration

Make sure that you are registered and update your information if you have moved. Visit the Ohio Secretary of State website at <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/>.

- **Online** – The Ohio Secretary of State's website provides a convenient and secure way to register to vote.
- **By Mail** – Mail the completed Voter Registration Form to your County Board of Elections.
- **In Person** – Voters can register to vote in person at any Board of Elections office in the state of Ohio. Other locations to register in person include libraries, license bureaus, public schools, and other county government agencies. Completed Voter Registration Cards can be returned to these same locations.

### OEA Legislative Watch

OEA Legislative Watch is the association's newsletter covering the legislation and policies that affect public education employees. <https://www.ohea.org/get-involved/legislative-watch/>. Open an article and click on the "OEA Action Alert" link to send a message to your legislator.

- June 3—Updates on House Bill 99, House Bill 687, House Bill 497, House Bill 616, House Bill 583, and House Bill 151.
- May 27—HB 616 Scheduled for First Hearing Testimony from Bill Sponsors: State Censorship Bill Prohibits "Divisive Concepts;" Includes "Don't Say Gay" Restrictions.

### OEA Retirement Systems Update

Full June 2022 OEA Retirement Systems Update at: <https://www.ohea.org/resources/affiliate-resources/june-2022-oea-retirement-systems-update/>.

Past reports at: <https://www.ohea.org/resources/affiliate-resources/>

### OEA Action Alerts

Take Action! Every day OEA works to improve public education for our students and our members. Our strength lies in collective action. With over 122,000 members, we can affect policy to improve public education for students and the educators who serve them.

Letters, emails, petitions, and phone calls from you often make the crucial difference.

Go to the OEA website to view sample letters you can edit as you wish before sending to your legislator. <https://www.ohea.org/action/>

### Need to Update Your Contact Information?

Update your OEA & NEOEA contact information at: 1-844-OEA-info (1 844 632 4636) or [membership@ohea.org](mailto:membership@ohea.org).

Also online: <https://www.ohea.org/member-center/member-update-form/>.

### OEA-Retired on the Web

OEA-R has a new presence on the OEA website at: <https://www.ohea.org/retired/>. If you get lost, pull down the "MEMBER CENTER" tab and click on "OEA Divisions, Affiliated Departments and Associate Organizations", then "Divisions", then "OEA-Retired".

On the page is a link to the original OEA-R website containing all the essential OEA-R information <http://oea-r.ohea.us/>.

### Join us at Playhouse Square with NEOEA Discounts

NEOEA members have discounts for highly-anticipated shows in the 2021-2022 KeyBank Broadway Series. Use promo code NEOEA and save up to 65% off select performances and seating locations with reduced handling fees! GET TICKETS: <https://tickets.playhousesquare.org/g04/Online/default.asp>

Please check their website for COVID protocols: <https://www.playhousesquare.org/plan-your-visit-main/health-safety>

### NEOEA Discounts

Visit <https://neoea.org/Education-Union/Member-Benefits>.

- **Bedrooms Today:** <https://neoea.org/MemberData/2019-01-BedroomsToday.pdf>.
- **Best Benefits Club:** <https://bestbenefitsclub.com/>. Use activation code **NEOEA0613** and company name **NEOEA**. Benefit flyer <https://bestbenefitsclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/e-news6.3.pdf>.
- **Bright Now! Dental:** <http://www.brightnowdental.com/>. <https://neoea.org/files/BrightNowFlyer.pdf>.
- **Liberty Mutual:** [https://www.libertymutual.com/neoea?src=aff\\_4wpb\\_m\\_0006967\\_neoea](https://www.libertymutual.com/neoea?src=aff_4wpb_m_0006967_neoea).
- **Ohio Educational Credit Union:** <https://neoea.org/MemberData/ohecu-loan.pdf>.
- **Park Place:** Discount airport parking: <https://neoea.org/MemberData/ParkPlace.pdf>.
- **Playhouse Square:** <https://tickets.playhousesquare.org/g04/Online/default.asp> (promo code NEOEA).
- **Great Lakes Science Center:** <https://greatscience.com/educators>.

### Retirement System Links

- STRS <https://www.strsoh.org/>
- SERS <https://www.ohsers.org/>
- PERS <https://www.opers.org/>

OEA Retirement Systems Updates can be found at: <https://www.ohea.org/resources/>

### Miss Your News and Views?

Each issue of the *NEOEA News and Views* is available online at <http://neoea.org/>. First register at <https://neoea.org/joinreg> -- it's easy and free. Once registered, you'll have access to Members-Only information.

For "News & Views" pull down "About Us" at the top of the page and click on "News & Views." Feel free to explore the other features of the site.





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[https://www.ohea.org/member-center/  
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- **NEA Member Benefits:** For questions call 1.800.637.4636 (toll free); <https://www.neamb.com/>.
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- **NEA Discount Marketplace:** <https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-discount-marketplace>.
- **OEA ACCESS:** <https://ohea.accessdevelopment.com/>.
- **OEA/NEA Attorney Referral and Discount Information:** <https://neoea.org/files/ARP.pdf>.
- **NEOEA Member Benefits:** <https://neoea.org/Education-Union/Member-Benefits>.

**OEA Educational Foundation**

[https://www.ohea.org/oea\\_foundation/](https://www.ohea.org/oea_foundation/)

The work of the Ohio Educational Foundation is to fund initiatives that enhance student learning, student achievement, and well-being, as well as promote social justice. Its Board of Directors provides four funding opportunities annually:

- **Diversity Grants** — To develop and pursue instructional classroom programs or curriculum that promote diversity, tolerance, and respect for humankind.
- **Innovation Grants** — For the pursuit of innovative and creative practices where learning is enriched by experiences or projects.
- **Whisper Grant for Students in Need** — Funds provided directly to an OEA member to assist a student or group of students with an identified hardship in meeting an educational or personal need.
- **Make-A-Wish** — In collaboration with Make-A-Wish®, the Foundation provides seed money for OEA Locals seeking to make a child's wish come true.

**NEOEA Calendar**

<http://neoea-r.ohea.us/calendar/>

- October 11** Deadline to Register to Vote
- October 12** Absentee Voting By Mail & Early In-Person Voting begins
- October 14** NEOEA Day Programs
- November 8** General Election Day
- November 12** NEOEA Representative Assembly, Lorain HS
- December 2** OEA-R Delegate Assembly, Media Center, OEA Headquarters
- December 3** OEA Representative Assembly, Ohio Expo, Voinovich Center

